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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-203(a) and Section 49-2-301(f), relative to tenure decisions and the responsibilities of the director of schools and board of education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-301(f)(1), is amended by deleting in its entirety subdivision (J) and by substituting instead a new subdivision (J) to read as follows:

(f)(1)(J) Report annually to the board of education the names of all teachers eligible for tenure. Such report shall be submitted to the board of education not later than April 1. The report may include the director's recommendation on the granting of tenure for each teacher serving the required probationary period. The director may place names before the board without a recommendation but the failure to recommend shall not prohibit the board from taking action to grant or deny tenure.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-203(a)(1), is amended by deleting the words and punctuation "Elect, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, teachers who have attained or are eligible for tenure and fix the salaries of and make written contracts with such teachers;" and substituting instead the words and punctuation "Elect, after a

review of qualifications, teachers eligible for tenure or notify such teachers of the failure to grant tenure and the termination of their employment, and fix salaries of teachers and make written contracts with teachers employed in the system;”.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.